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405 FREEWAY CLOSURE

As you know, Caltrans will completely close the 405 Freeway in both directions beginning on Friday, July 15, 2011, at 10:00 p.m., until Monday, July 18, 2011, at 6:00 a.m. The purpose of the closure is the planned removal of the Mulholland Drive Bridge.

Many traffic experts are predicting significant gridlock during the closure. Due to anticipated impact, a steady media campaign to warn Los Angeles motorists has been underway for several weeks. If the worst case scenario occurs, traffic in the Los Angeles basin will be significantly impacted for 30-60 miles around the closure. This will impact response times for all emergencies, increase hospital follow-up times, and reduce our capabilities to move-up additional resources to areas impacted by large incidents.

To mitigate these logistical problems, we will augment staffing and equipment in areas that will be affected. These areas include Malibu, Calabasas, Agoura Hills, Westlake Village, West Hollywood, and Universal City. Additional engines, paramedics units and at least one additional helicopter will be staffed and pre-deployed. The additional staffing costs are approximately \$50,000, and although our budget will be able to support these costs, we will be seeking financial reimbursement from the appropriate agencies.

We will continue to work with our fire service and law enforcement partners to ensure cost-effective and timely service. We have been in contact with other affected agencies including Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), who will be directly impacted by the closure. LAFD and the Los Angeles Police Department will establish a unified command post with the California Highway Patrol and Caltrans at the City Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in downtown Los Angeles. We will ensure that an agency representative is available to the Incident Commanders for resource and agency related concerns.

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BELL
BELL GARDENS
BELLFLOWER
BRADBURY

CALABASAS
CARSON
CERRITOS
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GLENDALE
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IRWINDALE
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LANCASTER
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PARAMOUNT
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ROLLING HILLS
ROLLING HILLS ESTATES
ROSEMEAD
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SANTA CLARITA

SIGNAL HILL
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